

Leicester, Mass.<sup>ts</sup> March 19, 1855.

Dear friend Mary Estlin -

Again I take the liberty of making you the medium of a letter, &c. to T. Pillsbury, but I know not his address; - besides, I would like to have you see the contents of my letter to him, and especially the action of our Committee as to his continuance in Gt. Britain, - if you will take the trouble to read it. - We are much encouraged by the tidings we hear of P. P.'s health, to hope for his comparative restoration, and for great good to result to our cause from his <sup>prolonged</sup> stay in your country.

Our Bazaar Ladies held a 3 days' Sale in Boston last week, - offering the goods which had been received since the great Bazaar closed, viz. from Edinburgh, Perth, London, Bolton, &c. The first 2 weeks of March were delightful weather, - bright, clear, with excellent walking. The 3 days



of the A.S. Sale, last week, were a  
Succession of storms (of rain & snow),  
winds, &c. with the vilest walking possible.  
Every external circumstance was against  
us; - nevertheless, the ladies received  
the sum of \$600. - a very handsome one  
under the circumstances. The Edinburgh  
box was very large, & very beautiful, & valuable,  
- On closing the sale, we put up a large  
& valuable selection of articles for the  
Cincinnati Fair, which hereafter is to be  
held exclusively for the benefit of the American  
A.S. Socy; - also a handsome box for New  
York, in which city the germ of an Annual  
Fair is forming, & we hope & expect will  
mature into something fruitful. Over & above  
these, there is a handsome collection left, to  
furnish forth the Annual Fair in Worcester



and Weymouth.

I have strangely forgotten, in my last two communications to you, to speak of the case you named to me, of a woman in Bristol coming into possession by bequest of a brother in Mississippi, of a slave - a man, also of a woman-slave too old & worn-out "to be fit for any other purpose than to be set free".

What our advice to the woman, & to all persons so situated, would be I must be, you know very well. This trading "in slaves & the souls of men" is most abhorrent to humanity, and most defiant to God. I rejoice that the woman repels the idea. I hope she may be strong & unyielding, to resist all influences to put the price of flesh and blood into her pocket. Did I know where these 2 slaves are, and the executor's address, I would undertake to find means to bring them to a (so-called) Free State, ~~or~~ without expense to the executor or to the English heirs, provided the executor had orders to manumit them. I think it would be well



for Rev. Mr. Sheerman, since the woman  
consulted him, to act as her agent & write to the  
Mississippi "Irish" executor full & positive directions  
of what must be done.

Pray give my best love & respects to  
your father, and believe me,

Ever, truly Yours

Saml May Jr

We look eagerly for further news, both of  
Miss Carpenter and Miss Martineau.

Miss Estlin.